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SUBJECT:U.S.-ROMANIAN NUCLEAR COOPERATION: HOT CELL END-USE
STATEMENT

1. FOLLOWING KRATZER-BARNES CONVERSATION JULY 16,
DEPARTMENT CONSIDERED PROPOSAL THAT THERE BE TWO PROPOSED
END-USE ASSURANCE STATEMENTS FROM THE GOR, ONE PRIVATE AND
ONE PUBLIC, A POSSIBILITY DEVELOPED DURING THIS CONVERSATION
THAT SEEMED TO OFFER HOPE FOR RESOLVING THIS THORNY
PROBLEM.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS DETERMINED THAT PUBLIC IS NOT NEEDED AND
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MIGHT EVEN BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, BUT A WRITTEN, PRIVATE

ASSURANCE FROM THE SCNE ON BEHALF OF THE GOR IS ACCEPTABLE
AS FOLLOWS:

"THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY, ACTING FOR THE
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA, HEREBY DECLARES THAT THE
HOT CELL FACILITY BEING OBTAINED FROM THE UNITED STATES FOR
THE POST-IRRADIATION EXAMINATION OF IRRADIATED FUEL
ELEMENTS WILL NOT BE USED OR MODIFIED FOR USE IN THE EXTRAC-
TION OF PLUTONIUM OR CHEMICAL REPROCESSING, EXCEPT BY
MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR NUCLEAR
ENERGY AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. IN THE EVENT OF
SUCH AGREEMENT, THE IAEA WILL BE NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NPT."

3. BEGIN FYI. IF THE GOR ACCEPTS THIS APPROACH, THE
DEPARTMENT WILL NEED TO DEVELOP A REASONABLE STATEMENT
WHICH MIGHT BE USED IF PUBLICLY PRESSED ON THIS ISSUE.
STATEMENT WOULD REFER TO A PRIVATE UNDERSTANDING WHICH
PROVIDES ADEQUATE ASSURANCES ON USE OF HOT CELL.

4. THE SUBSTANCE OF DEPARTMENT'S POSITION WAS CONVEYED TO
AMBASSADOR BARNES BEFORE HE LEFT WASHINGTON AND IT IS OUR
UNDERSTANDING THAT HE WILL SUGGEST THAT GOR INITIATE
OFFER TO MAKE STATEMENT ALONG LINES OF THAT IN PARA. 2.
DEPARTMENT WILL AWAIT REPORT OF THIS EFFORT. KISSINGER

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